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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - COPENHAGEN-BERLIN AIR SERVICE

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1. DANISH EMBASSY TODAY HANDED IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE AT DEPARTMENT, PROPOSING THAT IF PROJECTED SERVICE (COPENHAGEN-BERLIN) COULD BE OPERATED AS INTERMEDIATE POINT, OR POINT BEYOND COPENHAGEN, ON S SERVICE BETWEEN USA AND COPENHAGEN, DANISH GOVT. WOULD BE PREPARED "TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF SUCH SERVICE BY PERMITTING CHANGE OF GAUGE IN COPENHAGEN..." FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE EMBASSY OF DENMARK PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR, ACTING UPON INSTRUCTIONS, TO STATE THE FOLLOWING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ACTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1973, CONCERNING

A PROPOSED NEW AIR SERVICE BETWEEN COPENHAGEN AND BERLIN'

"THE MATTER HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE DANISH AUTHORITIES

WHO IN VIEW OF THE SCANDINAVIAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL AVIATION HAVE ALSO CONSULTED WITH THE COMPETENT NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH AUTHORITIES.

"THE PROPOSED SERVICE MIGHT, IN THE OPINION OF THE SCANDINAVIAN AUTHORITIES, CONVENIENTLY BE ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DENMARK AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I.E. MAKING BERLIN EITHER AN INTERMEDIATE POINT OR POINT BEYOND ON A SERVICE BETWEEN USA AND COPENHAGEN.

"THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED, IF SO DESIRED, TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF SUCH A SERVICE FOR THE DESIGNATED CARRIER BY PERMITTING A CHANGE OF GAUGE IN COPENHAGEN AND HAVING A CLAUSE TO THAT EFFECT INSERTED IN THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.

"THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RE-NEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

2. ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MEADOWS TOLD DANES IT POSSIBLE THAT DANISH FORMULA (I.E. WITH DAILY BERLIN-COPENHAGEN SERVICE OPERATED ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH US-DENMARK SERVICES) MIGHT, FULFILL US NEED, DEPENDING ON CONSTRUCTION DANES CHOOSE TO PUT ON PLEDGE TO "FACILITATE THE OPERATION." HOWEVER, MEADOWS NOTED THAT, AS RESULT FUEL SHORTAGES, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT PANAM MIGHT IN FUTURE OPERATE LESS THAN DAILY FLIGHT IN US-DENMARK MARKET; IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES DANISH FORMULA WOULD NOT RPT NOT MEET US OBJECTIVES, UNLESS DANES PREPARED TO ACCRD SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT BERLIN-COPENHAGEN SERVICE TO CONTINUE ON DAILY BASIS. DANES SAID THEY NOT RPT NOT AT THIS TIME ABLE TO GO BEYOND INSTRUCTIONS ON WHICH NOTE BASED.

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3. DANES STRESSED THAT OPERATION OF BERLIN-COPENHAGEN SERVICE UNDER TERMS OF EXISTING BILATERAL, RATHER THAN UNDER AMENDMENT TO TEXT AS PROPOSED IN US NOTE, WOULD MAKE DENMARK LESS VULNERABLE TO PRESSURES FROM UK AND FRENCH FOR SIMILAR RIGHTS. (COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, SUCH COVER WOULD ALSO INSULATE DANES AGAINST REPRISAL OR HARRASSMENT BY GDR FOR ACCORDING "NEW" RIGHTS COPENHAGEN-WEST BERLIN.)

4. MEADOWS AGREED TO STUDY DANISH PROPOSAL AND RESPOND PROMPTLY. FYI: OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT IF WE ARE TO ACCEPT DANISH OFFER, WE MUST ALSO EXTRACT FROM DANES ASSURANCES, PERHAPS IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES OUTSIDE BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES PROPOSED BERLIN-COPENHAGEN SERVICE COULD BE OPERATED AS TURNAROUND SERVICE. END FYI. PORTER

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